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## Summer Inspiration

The Louise Andrews Camp of the Salvation Army announces its camp schedule for this season, in a circular, entitled "The Northfield Youth Camp" for "summer fun and inspiration." Preparations are now under way at the camp to accommodate the various gatherings, and the first will be the Scout Camp July 2 to July 12. Major James Hepburn is the program director. Then comes the Music camp July 23 to July 23, Major Charles McNally, program director; Leadership Camp is July 23 to August 1, Major Milton I. McMahan, program director; and Guard Camp will follow with Captain Marjorie Grover, in charge, August 3 to August 13; Boys' Camp of the Hayden Fountain Group will be August 15 to August 25 with Major Emil Miller director. Thus a full season's program has been outlined for the use of the Louise Andrews Camp and the Salvation Army expects a large enrollment for each camp.

## An Employee's Paper

"Hi-Lines" makes its first appearance this month as the new paper for the personnel of the Western Massachusetts Electric Co. It is well edited and attractive in appearance and contains brief sketches of employees, especially of those in the service. It should prove to be a valuable morale builder at a time when needed.

## The Seventh War Loan

Everybody is urged to keep up their buying of the bonds for the Seventh War Loan, particularly the "E" bonds. Northfield was given a high quota and we are short the mark, but if all will cooperate we may yet attain the figure. Our local schools have done well and the Postmasters report purchases almost every day. Some of our citizens have bought in Greenfield and Brattleboro, but these amounts will be credited to us. Remember your best investment is a government bond and the money will be used to aid the war effort.

## Friends of Servicemen

The Friends of Servicemen are arranging an attractive program this summer season in aid of its work and to support its endeavors. The "Fourth" weekend will be celebrated with a ball game, movies and a food sale. On Thursday evening, June 28, at 6.45 there will be a baseball game on the high school grounds under the supervision of George M. Leonard. At the Town Hall on Friday evening during a display of movies a German helmet will be passed for examination and to receive contributions. Saturday afternoon, June 30, at Green Pastures, there will be a lawn party a food sale and a fancy work sale from 2 to 6 o'clock. There will be decorations, plenty of chairs, and music and we hope sunshine. Otherwise, the porches of the house will be used. An invitation is extended to all to attend the various events. The Friends of Servicemen have accomplished a large effort and a report of its activity and finances covering an 18 months period, January 1, 1944, to June 1, 1945, has been sent to Chairman Holton of the Selectmen. Members of the committee from the sections of the community are as follows: The Farms, Mrs. Murray Hammond; West Northfield, Mrs. Fred Bolton and Mrs. Ralph V. Gibson; Northfield, Mrs. Carroll H. Miller, Mrs. Allen H. Wright, Mrs. Louis Van Phelan, Mrs. Cleland Cochrane, Mrs. Roger Greenwood and Mrs. William E. Park; East Northfield, Mrs. J. E. Phelps, Mrs. Frank W. Pearsall, Mrs. Fred T. Pallam, Mrs. Charles L. Johnson, Mrs. N. Fay Smith and Mrs. E. M. Powell; Mount Hermon, Mrs. Louis Smith and Mrs. Gordon Pyper; School for Girls, Mrs. A. E. Davis, Mrs. J. A. Carpenter and Mrs. N. Kendall.

Sgt. Joseph Butinski, who was released from a German prison camp recently and returned to America after having been reported "missing in action" last January, is spending a furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Butinski at their home here.

## Beaman-Fisher

Miss Edith Fisher, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Otis Fisher of this town and Jack Beaman, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Elgene Beaman of Winchester, N. H., were married at the Congregational Church parsonage by the Rev. Joseph W. Reeves on Saturday evening, June 9. The young couple will make their home here with the bride's parents by whom the bridegroom is employed.

## Walck-Dwight

Miss Mary Louise Dwight, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Myron H. Dwight of this town and Bruce Walck, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Walck of Collbran, Colo., were married Thursday, June 7, at the Congregational Church chapel at Grand Junction, Colo. The couple will reside at Glenwood Springs, Colo.

## New England Keswick

At Monterey, in the Berkshires, the New England Keswick will again gather in religious fervor for Bible study, conference, and prayer. Last year was eminently successful and this summer promises to be more so. The cottages are well reserved and the expected attendance is swelling. There will be every opportunity for rest and recreation. A good selection has been made of speakers who will be leaders in their particular fields. In interested write New England Keswick, Monterey, Mass., for a folder.

## Town Topics

Mrs. David B. Tomkins of Winchester Road was hostess to a meeting of the WCTU at her home Wednesday afternoon, the 20th.

Miss Minnie Erb of Ridgefield Park, N. J., is at her cottage on Rustic Ridge for the summer.

Jonas Fisher of this town has returned to his home here after spending the winter season in Florida.

Officers elected at the recent meeting of the church women of the Congregational Church are Miss Sophie Servaes, president; Mrs. Joseph W. Reeves, vice-president, and Mrs. Bernard Whitney secretary-treasurer. The newly elected officers and the committees are planning for a summer social program.

Miss Ruth Elizabeth Field, who has been at the Franklin County Hospital for treatment, is now convalescing at her home on Main Street.

The episode of the "teapot" story is bringing considerable publicity on the front pages of newspapers to L. Percy Goodspeed of the Attic Outlet. However, the purchaser of the wrong teapot has not been discovered nor identified, despite the advertisements in several papers.

The town of Warwick will hold its annual "old home day" on Friday and Saturday, August 18 and 18. An attractive program is being arranged and the usual large attendance from Northfield is expected.

John A. Rikert, son of Mr. and Mrs. Emory Rikert, and Ross L. Spencer, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Ross L. Spencer, are to report at Springfield for service induction next Tuesday.

Mrs. Allen H. Wright of Main Street has gone to Seneca Falls, Rochester and Syracuse for a two weeks' visit with relatives.

Harry Lewis, former druggist of this town, who recently located in Boston, is reported as very ill at his home there.


Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Hengeveld and family of Queens Village, L. I., N. Y., will occupy the former Bruce cottage on Rustic Ridge this summer.

The former summer home of the late Mr. and Mrs. George Avery, located in Mountain Park, will be occupied this season by Mrs. Elliot V. Fleckes and family who are coming here from Sioux Falls, S. D., this weekend. Many friends here and at Mount Hermon will be happy to greet them.

Some of the seasonal White Mountain trains of the Boston and Maine railroad will probably not be operated this summer due to lack of permission by the ODT.

Mrs. Clifford Bolton is receiving membership for the Greenfield Health Camp in response to an appeal letter sent through the mail.

Pfc. Richard O. Bolton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred I. Bolton of West Northfield, is now in China.



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### First Parish Church Stearns Has Spoken

At the recent quarterly meeting of the Historical Society held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Lazelle with Miss Elsie Scott, president presiding, there was presented a paper by our well-known citizen, Charles C. Stearns, upon some historical facts of the First Parish Church (Unitarian). He said in part:

"From 1718 until 1832, the period of the first two buildings, town taxes cared for the church and its ministers, much as in other Massachusetts towns. Sale of some of the town land provided means for erecting the first meeting house in the street where also the second building was commenced in 1763, completed in five years, and painted red a decade later. Linseed oil came from local flax and dry red purchased in Boston. The site was near the present one.

Conventionally, ministers were in early days, installed for life. There were three installations in the first century. Of the first four pastors, Rev. Doolittle, also a physician, and Rev. Hubbard were trained in the conservative, Calvinistic Congregationalism of Yale College. Rev. Samuel Allen from Bernardston came from the newly founded Dartmouth College, and Rev. Thomas Mason from the liberal Harvard College, preparing the church for Unitarianism.

In 1825 a small group withdrew to form the Trinitarian Congregational Church due to a personal dislike for "Priest" Mason, the minister.

The old time customs with their good times and also controversies, as well as contrasts to modern ways are interesting to recall. Dr. Doolittle acquired considerable land with his second calling of physician, a topic causing criticism. Not as Parson Hubbard, who faithfully discharged his duties on his meager income and was buried in a coffin that the town paid 23 shillings for, showing a change in funeral expenses.

The installation of Rev. Allen was an elaborate town function of the 1790's.

It was in 1798 that the town had Benjamin Callendar secure a bell of Paul Revere.

In 1836, Rev. George Hosmer started the Sunday school.

Rev. Oliver Everett was the pastor of the first 11 years of Dwight Rither (Lyman) Moody's life. This pastor baptized Widow Betsey Holton Moody and her nine children.

The third church was burned in 1870 and the fourth and present church was dedicated in 1872 and has the town clock. In 1918 the church observed its 200th anniversary.

### Don't Pick Laurel

Now that laurel is in bloom and beautifying our roadsides, all persons are warned that it is unlawful to pick blossoms or injure plants in this state and a severe penalty prevails. The same is true in New Hampshire. Autoists especially are warned and police have been advised to keep a sharp eye on parking parties. Enjoy the laurel in all its beauty but keep your hands off is a good admonition.

### Town Topics

Mrs. Howard Briggs, formerly of this town who has been in Lansdowne, Pa., during the winter months, will spend the summer in Wyoming, Minn.

Friends here are informed that Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick, pastor of the Riverside Baptist Church in New York, well-known preacher, author and writer, will retire from his ministerial work May of next year.

On Tuesday, April 3, a son, Frank Lewis Duley, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Langsford Duly at Lanesville. Mr. Duley was a former resident of this town.

The final meeting for the season of Harmony Lodge of Masons was held Wednesday evening, June 20, at Masonic Hall when the regular business was transacted. The first meeting after summer adjournment will be in September. The next Lodge of Instruction will meet Tuesday evening, June 26, with Mechanics Lodge at Turners Falls.

Joseph D. Costague of the U. S. Navy has returned to town having received his discharge from the service. Many friends are greeting him.

Roy J. Fish of the U. S. Army has returned to his home here, a discharged wounded veteran, and has resumed his work at the power house of the School for Girls.

Promotion exercises of the Vernon grammar schools were held at the South Vernon Church on Thursday evening, June 7.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Brainerd Willey of Winchester Road at the Franklin County Hospital Saturday, June 16.

Donald Lilly, S1c, who has been serving on a ship carrying liberated prisoners, landing in New York, was granted permission for a short leave to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. Earl Lilly recently.

Rev. C. Milo Connick of the faculty of Mount Hermon School was the preacher at the Unitarian Church Sunday morning, the 17th.

Services of the Free Methodist Church continue each Sunday at Grange Hall and during the week at the home of members.

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After serving 45 months in the Asiatic-Pacific area with the anti-aircraft artillery, Pvt. Edward Tie, son of Mrs. Eleanor Webster of this town, has received an honorable discharge and will visit his mother here on Holton Street.

Mrs. Ralph Reed and son, Ralph, Jr., have returned here for an indefinite stay from Nebraska, since Sergt. Reed has been ordered to duty in the South Pacific war area.

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### LEGAL NOTICE

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### Get Their Rewards

The following Boy Scouts of Troop 9 of Northfield have qualified for the General Eisenhower waste paper medal: Joseph Bilmon, Edward Fortier, Edgar Parker, William Fellows, Gordon Leavis, Richard Whitney, Russell Hutchins and Ralph Barrows.

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